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Advisory Committee Recommends Projects for Funding

North Bend, OR – The Bureau of Land Management Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) recommended nearly \$1.5 million in funding for restoration and maintenance projects that benefit public lands last Thursday.

Funding for the projects was available from Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties. According to Mark Johnson, Designation Federal Official for the RAC, projects recommended for funding include noxious weed control, fire pond maintenance and other wildfire preparedness tools, trail maintenance, and stream habitat restoration.

Since the RAC was able to allocate all of the available funding at the meeting on August 3rd, the previously scheduled August 10th RAC meeting is not necessary and has been cancelled.

The RAC is chartered under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The RAC consists of fifteen members representing a variety of interests. The committee's duties include reviewing and recommending to the BLM watershed restoration and other forest management projects. They also provide opportunities for interested parties to participate in the project development process.

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